

USPTO Customer No. 25280

Case 5072

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 35-51 were previously withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement. The Examiner, in a telephonic interview on September 16, 2004, indicated that Claims 35-51 would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations found in Claims 18-25 and 27-34, currently under consideration. Claims 35, 37, 38, and 41 have been amended accordingly.

Claims 1-17 have been cancelled with this Amendment. Applicants reserve their right to file such Claims in a divisional application. Claim 26 was cancelled previously.

At present, Claims 18-25 and 27-52 are pending in the present application.

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CONCLUSION

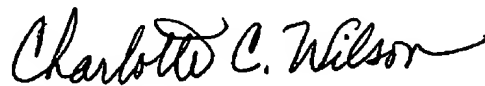
It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims stand in condition for allowance.

Should any issues remain after consideration of these Amendments, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned in the hope that any such issue may be promptly and satisfactorily resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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